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BRIDPORT
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Senior Public Health Inspector

for the Year

1965

Tel. No. Bridport 2385/6

Health Centre,
North Allington,
Bridport,
Dorset.

June, 1966.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Bridport.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1965.

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Housing remains the most important environmental factor to be dealt with by the Council. This cannot be solved simply by the demolition of slum properties but there is an urgent need to meet the housing requirements of an aging population. In the next fifteen years the number of persons living in the Borough aged 75 and over will increase to approximately 700.

I must express my thanks to members and officials of the Council for the co-operation, consideration and help I have received. I am also grateful to Mr.Ismay, the Public Health Inspector for his assistance in preparing this report.

Your obedient servant,

John G Meadows

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Chairman. Alderman H. Lewis.

Vice Chairman. Councillor A.B. Mason.

Alderman. P.C. Norfolk

Alderman. H.G. Smith.

Councillor.L.H. Dibdin.

Councillor. W.C. Johnston.

Councillor P.C. Jeans.

Councillor E. Lewis.

Councillor L.A.J. Radnor.

Councillor Miss F.M. Reynolds.

Ex officio Councillor W.E. Hix. Mayor.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health..... John G. Meadows, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..

Also Medical Officer of Health for Bridport and Beaminster Rural District Councils and Lyme Regis Borough Council, and Senior Assistant County Medical Officer. 5/11 of time allocated to Dorset County Council and 6/11 shared between the four District Councils.

Senior Public Health Inspector.... Eric Ismay, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H..
Additional P.H.I..... K.S. Bolt. (part-time) commenced 8/3/65.
Pupil P.H.I..... R. Singleton (joint appointment) 13/9/65.
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.
Clerk to the Senior P.H.I.....Mrs J. Bath. Until 21/6/65.
Rodent Operator.....J. Tattershall (part-time)

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	775.
Registrar General's estimate of population	6,530.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at the end of 1965) ..	2,312
Rateable Value.	£259,323
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,000

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

Area Comparability Factor. Births - 1.20 Death - 0.70

This is worked out for each district by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the populations of the various Districts and its use allows statistical comparison to be made between different areas.

Live Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	57	39	96
Legitimate.....	53	34	87
Illegitimate.....	4	5	9

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 14.7 Corrected 17.6

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births - 9.4

Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	1	-	1
Legitimate.....	1	-	1
Illegitimate.....	-	-	-

Still-birth Rate per 1,000 live and still-births - 10.3

Total Live and Still-births.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.	58	39	97

Deaths (all ages)	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Registered.....	61	63	124

Death Rate per 1,000 population :- Crude 19.0 Corrected 13.3

Deaths of Infants.	Males.			Females.		
	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.	Legit.	Illegit.	Total.
Under 1 year of age.	2	1	3	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks of age.	2	-	2	-	-	-
Under 1 week of age.	2	-	2	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births..... 31.2
Legitimate " " " " legitimate live births..... 23
Illegitimate" " " " illegitimate live births.....111.1
Neo-natal Mortality Rate(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)... 20.8
Early Neo-natal " " (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)... 20.8
Perinatal " " (Still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 30.9

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of deaths..... 0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births..... 0

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1920	1931	1940	1950	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Population.....	5919	5858	5903	6081	6490	6520	6450	6510	6530
Rateable Value.....	N.A.	£36793	£43883	£47181	£101034	£103385	£258519	£256573	£259323
Estimated Produce of a Penny Rate.....	N.A.	£146	£172	£190	£406	£406	£999	£1015	£1000
BIRTHS.									
Live Births.....	127	71	85	99	100	74	85	73	96
Legitimate.....	123	66	84	94	94	70	79	69	87
Illegitimate.....	4	5	1	5	6	4	6	4	9
Still Births.....	N.A.	N.A.	3	3	2	0	2	4	1
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	21.4	12.1	14.4	16.3	15.4	11.4	13.2	11.2	14.7
Live Birth Rate (corrected)....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	17.3	16.5	12.1	15.8	13.5	17.6
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).	25.5	15.8	14.8	15.8	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1
Still Birth Rate(Eng. & Wales).	N.A.	41	37	23	18.7	18.1	17.3	16.3	15.7
DEATHS.									
Total Deaths.....	98	119	108	108	120	115	115	115	124
Death Rate (crude).....	13.5	20.3	18.3	17.8	18.5	17.6	17.8	17.6	19.0
Death Rate (corrected).....	N.A.	N.A.	14.8	13.5	14.3	13.6	12.8	12.7	13.3
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	12.4	12.3	14.4	11.6	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5
INFANT MORTALITY.									
Deaths under 1 year.....	7	5	4	4	2	1	6	1	3
Infantile Death Rate.....	55.1	70.4	46.5	40.4	20.0	13.5	70.6	13.7	31.2
Infantile Death Rate(Eng. & W).	80.0	66	57	29.8	21.4	20.7	20.9	20.0	19.0
Neonatal Death Rate(Eng. & W).	35	32	30	19	15.5	15.1	14.2	13.8	13.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY.									
Maternal Deaths.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	N.A.	N.A.	0	9.8	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	4.3	4.1	2.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

No.			Totals.
	1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1.
	10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	1.
	11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	5.
	12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	2.
	14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	9.
	15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	2.
	16.	Diabetes.	1.
	17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	24.
	18.	Coronary disease, angina.	27.
	19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	2.
	20.	Other heart disease.	13.
	21.	Other circulatory disease.	9.
	23.	Pneumonia.	5.
	24.	Bronchitis.	3.
	27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	1.
	28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	2.
	29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	1.
	32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	11.
	33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	1.
	34.	All other accidents.	2.
	35.	Suicide.	2.
			124.

Where a cause of death and code number is omitted there have been no deaths from this cause.

Causes of Death at different periods of life.
Registrar General's Official Return.

	Total all ages.		Under 4 weeks.		4 weeks and under 1 year.		1-		5-		15-		25-		35-		45-		55-		65-		75 & over.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
* No. 1.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
10.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
11.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
12.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
14.	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	2
15.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
16.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
17.	11	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	2	7	9
18.	12	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	5	6	6	6
19.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
20.	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	8
21.	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	-	3
23.	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
24.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
27.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
28.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
29.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
32.	8	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	2
33.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
34.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	61	63	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	4	2	9	8	19	17	22	36

* Numbers refer to causes of death listed on opposite page.

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Causes of Death at different periods of life
Registrar General's Official Return.

WEST DORSET.

Combined figures for Bridport and Lyme Regis Borough and Bridport and Beaminster Rural Districts.

		Total (all ages)
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	0
3.	Syphilitic Disease.	1
4.	Diphtheria.	0
5.	Whooping Cough.	0
6.	Meningococcal infections.	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	0
8.	Measles.	0
9.	Other infective & parasitic diseases.	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	8
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	13
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast.	9
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	2
14.	Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms.	35
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	2
16.	Diabetes.	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system.	66
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	81
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	4
20.	Other heart disease.	44
21.	Other circulatory disease.	25
22.	Influenza.	0
23.	Pneumonia.	19
24.	Bronchitis.	12
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system.	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	2
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	4
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	5
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	0
31.	Congenital malformations.	0
32.	Other defined & ill defined diseases.	34
33.	Motor vehicle accidents.	2
34.	All other accidents.	5
35.	Suicide.	4
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	0
	Total.	383

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The number of cases of infectious diseases notified during 1965 was greater than in 1964 and this was accounted for by an increase of measles which was to be expected as this disease typically occurs in two year cycles.

Infectious Diseases notified during 1965.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Erysipelas.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Scarlet Fever....	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles.....	120	4	10	11	15	13	61	4	1	1	-	-
Total.....	130	4	10	11	15	13	63	4	2	2	2	4

Quarterly Notifications 1965

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Qrt.	2nd. Qrt.	3rd. Qrt.	4th. Qrt.
Erysipelas.....	3	1	2	-	-
Scarlet Fever....	3	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia.....	2	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis.....	2	1			1
Measles.....	120	2	30	88	-
Total.....	130	5	32	88	5

Infectious Disease Notifications for Comparison.

DISEASES.	1920	1931	1940	1950	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Diphtheria.....	1	1	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	11	3	-	-	-	3	3
Scarlet Fever.....	3	-	6	16	-	-	-	-	3
Enteric Fever (Inc.Typhoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4	1	3	2	6	7	13	4	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	7	-	2	1	1	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	3	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.....	5	-	129	162	151	3	112	4	120
Whooping Cough.....	-	-	1	22	-	2	3	2	-
Totals.....	25	14	163	216	160	15	129	14	130

Tuberculosis.

Two new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The one death which occurred in a patient on the register was not primarily due to this disease. The number of cases under treatment or observation on the register in 1965 was 14.

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register.

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on the register at the end of 1964.	6	5	1	-
New cases notified during 1965.	2	-	-	-
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the district.	-	1	-	-
Removals from district into other areas.	-	-	-	-
Removed from register as non-tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from register - cured.	-	-	-	-
Deaths during 1965.	1	-	-	-
Total on register at the end of 1965.	7	6	1	-

Average yearly incidence.

	New Cases.		Deaths.	
	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.
1940 - 1949	5.4	2.2	2.6	0.9
1950 - 1959	4.1	0.6	1.3	0.1
1960 - 1965	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.2

Total cases on the Tuberculosis Register Pulmonary & Non-Pulmonary.

	Cases.		Cases.
1946.	32.	1957.	28.
1947.	35.	1958.	37.
1948.	37.	1959.	31.
1949.	26.	1960.	32.
1950.	25.	1961.	33.
1951.	34.	1962.	27.
1952.	34.	1963.	22.
1953.	38.	1964.	12.
1954.	29.	1965.	14.
1955.	26.		
1956.	28.		

Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the Dorset County Council and either carried out by the family doctor or at the Health Centre and schools.

The following table shows the number who were immunised.

P. = Primary dose. R. = Reinforcing dose.

POLIOMYELITIS.				DIPHTHERIA.		TETANUS.		WHOOPING COUGH.		SMALLPOX.	
ORAL.		SALK.									
Basic course.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.	P.	R.
76	78	2	0	90	123	99	119	89	74	37	1

** B.C.G. Immunisation against Tuberculosis.					
No. in Group.	Tested.	Positive.	Negative.	Vaccinated.	Absent.
168	129	8	121	121	35

** This figure includes children aged 13 years, other than those from the Borough, who are attending the Alfred Colfox School and the Bridport Training Centre.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948.

Section 47, Removal of Persons in need of Care and Attention to suitable premises.

This Act makes provision for compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention from their own home to hospital or other suitable accommodation. Such persons have to be suffering from grave chronic illness or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions and are unable to devote to themselves, or receive from others proper care and attention.

Several old persons living in the district were brought to my attention and therefore visited. Although the conditions under which they live are often appalling one is reluctant to take action knowing that the result may cause the early death of an old person unable to adjust to the change from their own home to unfamiliar surroundings. The main criteria for taking action should be that there is a danger to other people.

Action under this Act was taken in respect of one case in the Borough. An elderly lady who was living on her own had refused all offers of help. At the time she was visited she was ill, confused and virtually unable to get in and out of bed. There was a considerable fire hazard from clothes which had been placed to dry over the gas stove and an electric fire.

HOUSING.

Slum Clearance.

During the year the following action was taken :-

Demolition Orders Made.

25	The Shipyard.	Dorset House, (The Shipyard).
30	" "	57 The Shipyard.
31	" "	63 " "
32	" "	67 " "
33	" "	
35	" "	
36	" "	Total.....11.

Clearance Areas.

Although no clearance area was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, official representation was made in March that a group of 22 houses in Barrack Street should be included in an clearance area and in October that 12 houses in Manchester Place should be dealt with in the same way. A final decision had not been taken on these areas at the end of the year.

Closing Orders.

105.	North Allington.	107	North Allington.
15a	West Allington.	62d	North Allington.
93b	South Street.	12	King Street.
40	The Shipyard.	36	Rope Walks.
19b	South Street.	12a	King Street.
7	Manchester Place.	5	Parsonage Road.
7	East Road.	6	Grove Terrace.

Demolished.

30 properties were demolished in persuance of Slum Clearance :-

150	North Allington.	40	The Shipyard.
152	North Allington.	61	The Shipyard.
154	North Allington.	43	The Shipyard.
156	North Allington.	64	The Shipyard.
Dorset House, The Shipyard.		41	The Shipyard.
51	The Shipyard.	60	The Shipyard,
56	" "	158	North Allington.
42	" "	160	North Allington.
57	" "	64	The Shipyard.
62	" "	66	The Shipyard.
63	" "	67	The Shipyard.
26	" "	68	The Shipyard.
27	" "	69	The Shipyard.
28	" "	15a	Church Street.
38	" "	15b	Church Street.

Families displaced as a result of Slum Clearance and rehoused ..... 25.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of houses inspected for defects in consequence of the housing survey	135.
No. of inspections for all Housing Act purposes	417.
No. found to be in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or dangerous or unfit for human habitation	143.
No. of visits for purposes of improvements	49.
No. of Informal Notices served under Public Health Acts	55.
No. of Informal Notices complied with	55.
No. of Informal Notices served under Housing Acts	1.
No. of Formal Notices served under Public Health Acts	2.
No. of Formal Notices under Public Health Acts complied with	Nil.
No. of Formal Notices served under Housing Acts	1.
Demolition Orders made	11.
Closing Orders made	14.
Undertakings accepted	Nil.
Clearance Orders made	Nil.
Overcrowding	2.
Unfit houses re-conditioned	5.
Unfit houses demolished	30.

Re-housing.

No. of houses completed during 1965 by :-

(a) Local Authority (Houses)		Nil.
(Flats) Magdalen Court	12)	26.
Cooper Court	14)	
(b) Private Enterprise		54.

No. of new houses in course of construction at 31/12/65 by :-

(a) Local Authority	8.
(b) Private Enterprise	10.

The future building programme includes 78 houses to be erected for the Council in the next two years.

Post-War Houses.

Total completed by Local Authority :-

(a) Houses	218)	412.
(b) Flats	194)	

Total completed by Private Enterprise

(a) Houses	237)	237.
(b) Flats	Nil)	

Housing Waiting List.

At the end of the year there were 177 families on the waiting list for housing accommodation.

The waiting list is not a complete guide to need particularly where the elderly are concerned. There are more than a hundred old persons living in slum properties some of whom have not made application for re-housing. Anyone living in an unfit house will be adversely affected and in the case of the elderly, this gives rise to a serious problem. At least half of the old people living in such houses are suffering from a physical disability which is made worse by their living conditions.

Improvement Areas.

If a local authority are satisfied that any area in their district contains dwellings lacking one or more of the standard amenities it may be declared an improvement area under the Housing Act 1964. Action can then be taken to enforce the provision of a bath, washhand-basin, sink, hot and cold water supply and water closet as necessary.

Two terraces of houses were surveyed with a view to declaration of an improvement area but were found to be unsuitable.

Improvement Grants.

Details of both discretionary and standard grants applications received during the year are as follows :-

	Discretionary.	Standard.
No. of applications received.	0	13
No. of applications approved.	0	19
No. of applications refused.	0	0
No. of applications withdrawn.	0	1
No. of applications not yet decided.	0	2

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises by type.

There are 247 food premises in the district as follows :-

Food Premises.	Number.	Visits.	Contraventions noted.	Contraventions remedied.	Improvements carried out.
Retail Bakers.	12	9	11	10	4
Bakehouses.	7	16	16	16	5
Butchers.	9	25	14	12	2
Catering Premises.	23	95	32	32	12
Fishmongers.	3	47	3	3	-
Greengrocers.	8	17	5	3	-
Grocers.	31	51	18	18	1
Ice Cream.	66	48	6	6	-
Fried Fish shops.	3	8	7	2	-
Confectioners.	12	9	2	2	-
Dairies and milk suppliers.	4	4	1	1	-
Public Houses.	38	13	6	6	6
Poulterers.	2	2	1	1	-
Jam Factory.	1	1	-	-	-
Mobile Grocers.	2	3	3	3	-
School canteens.	2	4	-	-	-
Works canteens.	6	2	-	-	-
Meat delivery vans.	-	6	4	4	1
Kiosks.	10	6	2	2	-
Brewery.	1	-	-	-	-
Registered clubs.	3	3	-	-	-
Covered & street markets.	2	11	4	4	-
Hospital kitchens.	2	4	-	-	-
Total.	247	384	135	125	31

Food Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act. 1955.

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream..... 65.
Preparation or manufacture of Sausages or
Potted, Pressed or Pickled food..... 8.
Cooked fish..... 4.

384 inspections were carried out of which 129 were of the registered premises shown in group (2) above. 16 Informal Notices were served. The premises continue to comply reasonably well with the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-
(a) Manufacture of ice cream..... 1.
(b) Storage and sale of ice cream.....65.
No. of ice cream premises visited.....48.
No. of contraventions.....11.
" " " remedied.....11.

40 ice cream samples were taken for analyses during the year and of these 29 were in Grade 1, 8 in Grade 11 and 2 in Grade 111.

Condemnation of Food.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and disposed of by burial at the Council's refuse tip:-

Meat.....	56 lbs.	Canned Meat.....	172 lbs.
Fish.....	62 "	Canned Fish.....	4½ "
Frozen Food.....	60 "	Canned Vegetables.....	66 "
Jam.....	172 "	Canned Fruit.....	39 "
Other Canned Foods.....	7½ "	Canned Milk.....	10 "
		Canned Cream.....	1 lb.

Meat Inspection.

No. of times meat inspection undertaken at the Bradpole Slaughterhouse... 35.

Milk Supply.

Since 1961, the responsibility for the issue of licences for the use of special designation in connection with milk was transferred from the Council to the Dorset County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1960. The County Council however have continued to keep this Council informed regarding the number of samples taken and the analyses of these. During the year 183 samples were taken and 180 passed the prescribed test. 10 Dealers' licences to sell Pre-packed milk and 1 Pasteuriser's licence were issued.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

The Senior Public Health Inspector was assisted in the work by the additional Public Health Inspector employed jointly by the Lyme Regis Borough Council and the Bridport Rural District Council.

There are still 50 to 100 premises to be registered and the exact extent of these new duties cannot be accurately assessed until registration is completed.

	No. of Premises Registered at the end of 1965.	No, of Registered Premises receiving a general inspection 1965.
Offices.	46	19
Retail Shops.	89	24
Wholesale Shops/Warehouses	5	-
Catering Establishments.	9	6
Fuel Storage Depots.	3	-
Total.	152	49

No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises - 89

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises

Class of work place.	No. of persons.
Offices.	337
Retail Shops.	452
Wholesale Departments.	51
Catering Premises.	64
Canteens.	-
Fuel Storage Depots.	18
Total.	922 (Males 424 (Females 498

In general the worst conditions are found in old established professional offices, and in some of the larger local retail shops, but there are, of course, exceptions to this. Conversely, as might be expected, the large multiples provide the best facilities for their employees, but even this is not without exception.

Although there has been occassional opposition from employers and owners when they have been required to provide some of the more expensive facilities, such as running hot water, and improved lighting, they have carried out most of the requirements readily.

No serious accidents were reported but it is probable that the need to report all accidents occurring on registered premises, which results in the employee being away from work for more than three days is not as well known as might be wished. Accident prevention could be an important result of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act.

WATER SUPPLIES.

West Dorset Water Board.

The Water Board have completed Phase 2 and 3 of their Regional Scheme. Phase 4 is virtually completed, and the two boosters at Whitchurch Canonicorum are under construction and will be finished early in 1966 and this will complete Phase 5. Phase 6 has been started which will result in the West Dorset Water Board supplying the Chideock area where contamination of the present water supply caused some concern last year. This Phase will also take the Board's supply to Broadwindsor, Burstock, Thorncombe and Marshwood.

There has been no shortage of water during the year.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

The Order for re-grouping of the water undertakings for West and Mid Dorset was revoked by a select committee of the House of Commons and discussion is taking place at the present moment with the view to a wider amalgamation.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme.

Phase.		Proposed Date.
2.	Main from Reservoir No. 16 to Stoke Abbott. Construction of Reservoir No. 12 Bunkers Hill. Main from Reservoir No. 12 to Uploders. Construction of Reservoir No. 19 South Perrott. Mains to Reservoir No. 19 and to Chedington, Mosterton and South Perrott. Main from Bradpole to Loders. Main from Reservoir No. 6 to Broadoak. Mains from Bridport to Symondsbury. Main from Shipton Gorge to Burton Bradstock. Main from Hooke pumping station to Reservoir No. 25. and Hooke village. Construction of Reservoir No. 25. Provision of pumping equipment at Hooke pumping station.	1962 to 1964
3.	Trunk main from Litton Cheney to R.6 and site works at Litton Cheney.	Dec. 1963 - Dec. 1965.
4.	Development of Litton Cheney source with pumps and treatment. Construction of Booster No. 6 at R.6.	Mar. 1964 - Dec. 1964.

West Dorset Water Board Phasing of Regional Scheme continued.

Phase.		Proposed Date.
5.	Mains from R. 16 to R. 3 (Hardown Hill) Construction of R. 3. Main from R. 3 to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Booster No. 3 at Whitchurch Canonicorum. Construction of R. 4 and R. 8 (Morcombelake) Mains to Whitchurch Canonicorum. Morcombelake and Ryall.	Mar. 1964 to Mar. 1965.
6.	Mains from Broadwindsor to :- Burstock, Seaborough, Drimpton, Birdsmoor Gate, Marshwood, Thorncombe and Holditch. Construction of R.13 (Thorncombe). Construction of R. 15 (North of Burstock) Mains to Walditch. Mains to Meerhay. Construction of Booster No. 4 (Broadoak) Main from Booster No. 4 to R. 3. Main from R. 3 to Chideock and Seatown. Main from Whitchurch Canonicorum to Charmouth and Catherston Leweston. Construction of R. 2 (Charmouth).	Mar. 1965. to Mar. 1966.
7.	Main from Broadoak to Bettiscombe and Pilsdon. Booster Station No. 5 (Miles Cross) Mains to West Road, Eype etc. Construction of R.11 (West Road). Mains to Waytown. Construction of R. 5 Bettiscombe.	Mar. 1966 to Mar. 1967.
8.	Main from R.7 via Melplash to Mangerton. Main from R.25 to R.26 and Powerstock. West Milton and Mangerton. Construction of R.26 (Powerstock).	Mar. 1967 to Mar. 1968.
9.	Mains from R. 18 to Chelborough and Evershot. Mains from R. 18 to Rampisham and Wraxall. Mains from R. 18 to Melbury. Construction of R. 22 (Rampisham) Construction of R. 23 (Evershot) and R. 24 (East Chelborough).	Mar. 1968 to Mar. 1969.
10.	Mains from Whitchurch Canonicorum to High Level District of Charmouth. Construction of R. 1 (Charmouth) Mains and Boosters for Monkton Wylde and Fishponds. Main from Broadoak to Moorbath. Main from Sansons Cross to Whitchurch Canonicorum.	Mar. 1969 to Mar. 1970.
11.	Supply to Mapperton and Construction of R. 20 (near Mapperton)	Mar. 1970 to Mar. 1971.

Water Analyses.

Copy Report from the Counties Public Health Laboratories, London. 19/1/1965.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

	Hooke Pumping Station.	Beaminster Langdon Supply.	Corsconbe Source.	Litton Cheney Heading.
Appearance.	Bright with a slight yellow brown deposit.	Clear and bright.	Bright with a few particles.	Clear and bright.
Colour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
pH.	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3
Electric Conductivity.	460	460	440	400
Chlorine present as Chloride.	13	14	13	19
Hardness : total.	265	260	260	215
Carbonate.	230	225	230	185
Non-Carbonate.	35	35	30	30
Nitrate Nitrogen.	2.7	3.1	1.9	2.7
Ammoniacal Nitrogen.	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Albuminoid Nitrogen.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Iron.	0.03	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Zinc.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Copper.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Lead.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Turbidity.	less than 3	Nil.	less than 3	Nil.
Odour.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Free Carbon Dioxide	25	20	20	18
Dissolved Solids Dried at 180 C.	320	310	300	270
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	230	225	230	185
Nitrite Nitrogen.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.	Absent.
Oxygen Absorbed.	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10
Residual Chlorine.	Absent.	...	...	Absent.

From the aspect of the chemical analyses these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

Water Samples.

25 samples of mainswater, which is chlorinated were taken for bacteriological examination and sent to the Public Health Laboratory. All were satisfactory.

Fluoridation of Water Undertakings.

A circular from the Ministry of Health expressed the Minister's hope that local health authorities would take steps to add fluoride to public water supplies where these are naturally deficient. The responsibility for fluoridation rests with the County Council. The Borough Council reaffirmed their support for fluoridation at the earliest possible date.

Some doubt has been expressed as to the practicability of fluoridation in West Dorset. It is not easy to add chemicals to water when the flow is small and subject to fluctuation, there is no doubt that the use of a dry feeder would be impracticable, mainly because an increase in staff would be necessary for maintaining the equipment. However the use of fluoride in solution with automatic equipment has alraedy been demonstrated in rural areas to be practical and economic.

I am grateful to Mr. R. Chapman, Engineer and Manager to the West Dorset Water Board, for his co-operation and advice on this section of the report.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Joint Sewerage Scheme.

Early in 1965 an Inquiry was held by an Engineering Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government into the Joint Sewerage Scheme. The need was accepted for a new sea outfall at Bridport which would deal with discharges from the schemes in the Asker Valley and Symondsbury.

At the end of the year the submarine outfall pipe was out for tender. The details of the head works and pressure pipe were being completed by the Consulting Engineer and were nearly ready for submission to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. This scheme was not affected by the restrictions on capital expenditure and there is every hope that work will be completed in 1967.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

During the year arrangements were made to purchase apparatus for the measurement of atmospheric pollution with a grant from the County Council, and this will come into operation in 1966.

The following work was carried out during 1965 :-

Visits made.....	22.
Smoke Observations taken.....	15.
No. of Notices served.....	2.

SHOPS ACT.

151 visits were made to 10 premises. No notices were served under the Act.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Petroleum (Consolidation) Act. 1928.
Petroleum (Regulation) Act. 1928 and 1936.

The Council is responsible for the enforcement of licensing conditions where premises are licensed for the keeping of petroleum spirit.

No. of Petroleum licences granted during the year 1965.....	31.
No. of new applications granted.....	Nil.
No. of Informal Notices.....	17.
No. of Informal Notices complied with.....	2.
No. of inspections.....	153.
No. of tanks tested (air).....	8.
No. " " " (nitrogen).....	Nil.
No. " " " (ullage).....	7.
No. of petrol pipe line systems tested (air).....	3.

SWIMMING FACILITIES AND POLLUTION OF RIVERS.

There is no swimming bath at present but bathing takes place during the summer months in the sea and in the river basin at West Bay. A number of water samples have been taken from this basin and were unsatisfactory, not coming up to the standard acceptable in a swimming bath.

SCHOOLS.

These are regularly inspected. All have water closets, piped water and washing facilities. All are supplied daily with Pasteurised milk.

RODENT CONTROL AND ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

Twice yearly sewer treatments of the town and West Bay sewers were undertaken in liaison with the Ministry of Agriculature, Fisheries and Food.

Deratisation Certificates are examined for validity in the case of all vessels entering the harbour from foreign ports.

No. of complaints received		189.
No. of treatments carried out	Dwellings	127.
	Food Premises	11.
	Other Premises	113.
Unsatisfactory conditions found		27.
Unsatisfactory conditions remedied		21.
Total number of visits by operator		456.
Total number of visits by inspector		212.
No. of drain and sewer tests related to rodent control		10.
Other infestations dealt with - wasps, fleas etc		8.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Three men are employed full-time and three men part-time in refuse collection. One refuse collection lorry is used full-time and one part-time. The refuse is tipped on a site at Bothenhampton where a man is fully employed. Collections are made on weekdays from central business premises. Various hotels in the harbour area receive two collections a week and domestic premises one collection per week. Approximately 950 loads of refuse were collected from approximately 2,910 dustbins. All tins are tipped on the refuse site which is in the Bridport Rural District.

Street cleaning was carried out by three full-time and one part-time sweepers with street orderly carts and a total of six miles was swept daily, one mile three times weekly, two miles twice weekly and three miles once weekly.

CAMPING SITES.

Apart from a few sites with a single caravan on each, the main site is at West Bay and owned by the Council who employ a full-time Supervisor and three men during the camping season, which lasts from 1st. April - 30th. September. Water is supplied to various standpipes near which are concrete tanks for the reception of foul water and which are emptied regularly by a tank emptier. A daily collection of refuse from covered metal receptacles scattered through the camp field is made during August and three times a week for the rest of the season. No caravans are allowed to remain on the site after 30th. September. The hall erected by the Council on the site is much appreciated by the campers as are also the three permanent shops.

FACTORIES ACT. 1961.

FACTORIES ON THE COUNCIL'S REGISTER AND DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS MADE.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	89	75	7	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	92	78	7	-

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.					
			Referred.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
Particulars.	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	6	6	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	7	7	1	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961 continued.

OUTWORK.	Section 133.			Section 134		
Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.
Nets other than wire nets.	182	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	183	-	-	-	-	-

CLINICS HELD AT HEALTH CENTRE BRIDPORT.

MONDAYS.

Moral Welfare Worker.	Every Monday.
Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	Monday mornings (appointment)
Relaxation Classes.	Monday afternoons.

TUESDAYS.

Foot Clinic (Elderly persons)	Tuesday all day (appointment)
Probation Officer.	Tuesday evenings.
Family Advice Bureau.	Tuesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAYS.

Youth Employment.	Wednesday afternoons 2-5
Hearing Assessment.	every 3rd. Wednesday morning in the month (appointment)
Child Guidance.	Alternate Wednesdays (appointment)

THURSDAYS.

Family Planning.	1st. & 3rd. Thursdays in the month. 2-30 - 4-30 p.m.
Cervical Cytology clinic.	2nd. Thursday in the month 10 - 11 a.m. (appointment) 4th. Thursday in the month 10- 11 a.m. open session.

FRIDAYS.

Speech Therapy.	Friday mornings (appointment)
Child Welfare Clinic.	2nd. & 4th. Friday in the month. Dr. in attendance.

Other clinics are held at :-

BEAMINSTER.	Infant Welfare.	Welfare Centre Hogshill St.,	2nd. & 4th. Thursday in the month. 2-4 pm. Dr. in attendance 2nd. Thursday.
	Foot Clinic (Elderly Persons)	"	First three Fridays in the month. 2-5 pm.
CHARMOUTH.	Infant Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Lower Sea Lane.	4th. Monday in the month. 2-4 pm.
	Foot Clinic. (Elderly Persons)	W.I. Hall. Worsley Close.	Alternate Wednesdays 2 - 5 pm.
THORNCOMBE.	Infant Welfare.	Mobile Clinic. Village Hall Car Park.	4th. Tuesday in the month. 2-4 pm.

BRIDPORT RURAL LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff. *

TABLE A.

Name of Officer.	Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications and other appointments held.
John G. Meadows.	Medical Officer of Health.	1/7/64.	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H. Boroughs of Bridport & Lyme Regis & Rural Districts of Bridport & Beaminster. Senior Assistant County M.O. Dorset County Council
Eric Ismay.	Public Health Inspector.	28/11/60.	Public Health Inspector's Certificate. Inspector of Meat and other Foods Certificate.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health.

Office - Health Centre, North Allington, Bridport. Bridport 2385/6

Home - 18 St. Katherine's Avenue, Bridport. Bridport 3419.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage infectious diseases on board.
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports.	16	2668	2	16	Nil.
Coastwise.	6	696	-	6	Nil.
Totals.	22	3364	2	22	Nil.

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic - Nil.

Cargo Traffic - Principal IMPORTS - Timber.
Principal EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive are in Sweden Finland and Belgium.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V. - Water Supply. *

(1) Source of supply

(a) for the district
Bridport - West Dorset Water Board.

(b) Shipping.
Mains from Bridport supply.

(2) Reports of tests for contamination.

Samples are taken regularly and are examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester. The Water Supply is chlorinated at the source.

(3) Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

The Harbour Master is responsible for the cleanliness of the standpipes at the Harbour. Each ship has its own hosepipe.

(4) Number and Sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

There are no water boats.

Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(1) List of Infected Areas. (Regulation 6).

The Ministry of Health's weekly record of Quarantinable Diseases is received by the Medical Officer of Health.

(2) Radio Messages.

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13) - Nil.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon (Regulation 14 (1) (a) and (2)). - Nil.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio. (Regulation 14 (1) (b)). - Nil.

(4) Mooring Stations. (Regulations 22 to 30).

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "Infected Ship" or "Suspected Ship". If circumstances arose, then ships would anchor in West Bay.

(5) Arrangements for :-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases - other than Smallpox.

These are admitted to the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts :

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

The Public Health Inspector has a supply of disinfectants and if necessary would carry out the treatment.

Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Weyhill Hospital, Andover. (Telephone No. Weyhill 214)

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital.

Dorset County Ambulance Service.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, Weymouth. Dr. A.F. Turner and Dr. C. Hollins, Dorchester.

(4) Facilities of Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to - Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London N.W.9.
Tel. Colindale 7041.

Section V111 - Venereal Diseases.

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic, Dorset County Hospital, Males and Females, Thursdays 11 a.m., also at Portwey Hospital, Males and Females 5 p.m., by appointment, and the V.D. Officer is always prepared to give special facilities to Merchant Seamen.. In-patient accommodation is provided for at the Westhaven Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. The Medical Officer of Health gives the appropriate information to persons concerned regarding treatment facilities.

Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D.

Category.	Diseases.	Number of cases during the year. Passengers.	Crew.	Number of ships concerned.
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Section X - Observation on the occurrance of malaria in ships - Nil.

Section X1- Measurers taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague. - Nil.

Section X11 Measurers against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known.....	Nil.
Sent for examination.....	Nil.
Infected with plague.....	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certificates issued.
After fumigation with.			*			
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (Stato Method)	After Trapping.	After Poisoning.	Total.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

* State Poisons used and no. of certificates issued after each poison.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.

Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of Serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British.	6	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Foreign.	16.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Totals.	22.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

* Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the authority.

* Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The Port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.